

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Brooks et al.	§	Group Art Unit: 2195
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Serial No.: 10/751,317	§	Examiner: Tang, Kenneth
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Filed: January 2, 2004	§	Attorney Docket No.: AUS920030294US1
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For: Method, System, and Product for Defining and Managing Provisioning States for Resources in Provisioning Data Processing Systems	§	

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

No fees are believed to be necessary. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is necessary, I authorize the Commissioner to charge the necessary extension fees to Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

Prior to examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Listing of Claims begins on **page 2** of this paper.

Remarks begin on **page 5** of this paper.